## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of	)
Tohru NATSUME et al.	)
Application No. 10/581,969	) Confirmation No. 8384
Filed: June 7, 2006	) Group Art Unit: 1656
For: NOVEL INTERACTION BETWEEN PROTEINS, AND THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR DISUSE MUSCULAR ATROPHY OR METHOD ASSOCIATED WITH DISUSE MUSCULAR ATROPHY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF NOVEL INTERACTION	<ul><li>) Examiner: Maryam Monshipouri</li><li>)</li><li>)</li><li>)</li></ul>

## **RULE 312 AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on October 15, 2009, applicant respectfully requests that the claims of this case be amended as follows: